

Office of Fair Hearings Program Goal		Agency/Program #: 6901-08-G2
		Division: Quality Assurance
		Program: Office of Fair Hearings
Agency Name:	Department of Public Health and Human Services	
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Program or Project Description:

The Office of Fair Hearings, within the Quality Assurance Division, conducts administrative contested case hearings under the Montana Administrative Procedures Act (MAPA) by applying appropriate federal and state laws.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund				
State Special				
Federal Funds				
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008

Legislative Goal(s):

Provide timely and impartial hearings and decisions for adversely affected parties disputing facts and/or law involving DPHHS administered programs.

Legislative Performance Measures:

1. Maintain fair and impartial Office of Fair Hearings decisions within state and federal guidelines as measured by appeals received.
2. Maintain a 90% timely decision percentage for all IDR recommendations within statutory timelines for the calendar year.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1			
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Agency Performance Report:

Hearings Requested FY 2005 -	968
Hearings Requested FY 2006 -	1172
Hearings Requested FY 2007 -	1099
Hearings Requested FY 2008 -	1077
Hearings Requested FY 2009 (to 8/31/08) -	167

Baseline Measurement FY 2005 & 2006

Hearing Decisions/Orders Rendered in Timely Manner

FY 2005 - 78%

FY 2006 - 91%

Current Status

Hearing Decisions/Orders Rendered in Timely Manner

FY 2007 - 92%

FY 2008 - 98%

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: Progress Report Needed

DATA RELEVANCE: Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were provided.

COMMENTS/ISSUES: The division is doing well in relation to ensuring the percentage of fair hearings are completed within the state and federal statutory guidelines. However, the division provided no information in relation to the number of appeals received.

OPTIONS: Upgrade or downgrade the rating - options for workgroup in relation to the rating are No further review or Progress Report Requested



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